

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-101



TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) PAYMENTS IN AFDC, RCA, AND RDP

The purpose of this letter is to provide new instructions on how to count Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) payments made to families receiving AFDC, RCA or RDP.

Adoption Assistance Program payments are made to parents who adopt hard-to-place children. The payments are intended to facilitate the adoption of children who have exceptional needs that makes their adoption difficult. In determining eligibility for AAP payments, the circumstances of the family and the exceptional needs of the child are considered.

The Department has received notification that the Office of Family Assistance (FSA), Region IX, considers AAP payments to qualify as "complementary assistance on the basis that they are for a different purpose than AFDC." Federal regulations at 45 CFR 233.30(a)(3)(vii) provide that assistance received from "complementary programs" may be disregarded as income. Based on this Federal direction, the Department has determined AAP payments as assistance to be disregarded as income. Effective with the date of this letter, AAP payments are considered "complementary program" assistance and are to be disregarded as income in determining need and the amount of the assistance payment. AAP payments are not to be considered income available to meet the needs of the assistance unit in accordance with MPP Section 44-101. The Department will process follow up regulations as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this issue, please contact Sandra Poole-Taylor of the AFDC/Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2661 or ATSS 454-2661.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Horel", is written over the typed name.

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